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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY**

**RESOLUTION**

*New Delhi, the 28th March, 1949*

**No. 12(1)-Tex.I/49.**—By their resolution No. 80(8)-Tex.I/48, dated the 22nd October, 1948, the Government of India constituted a Textile Production Control Committee with Mr. T. Sivasankar, I.C.S., as Chairman and Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai, Sir James Doak, Mr. Neville Wadia, Mr. S. C. Roy, Mr. Khandubhai Desai, M.C. A., Mr. Chandulal P. Parikh, M.L.A. (Bombay), Mr. B. D. Pande, I.C.S. and Mr. T. P. Barat, Textile Commissioner, as members.

2. The terms of reference of the Committee were follows.

(a) to examine the tentative measures of control over production, which had been introduced, and to advise Government on the measures necessary for securing the production of durable varieties of cloth,

(b) to examine proposals for the restriction or prohibition of the production of fine and superfine varieties of cloth and to advise Government on the following matters:—

(i) whether restriction or prohibition of fine and superfine varieties would increase total production of cloth, and if so, to what extent;

(ii) whether and to what extent demand for cloth would be reduced and controlled distribution facilitated by the restriction or prohibition of fine and superfine varieties of cloth;

(iii) whether restriction or prohibition of fine and superfine varieties was practicable in view of the present and prospective supplies of cotton;

(iv) what the effect of such restriction or prohibition would be on the progress and development of the textile industry in India;

(v) whether the spinning of finer yarn should be allowed in any case for meeting the requirements of the handloom industry;

(c) whether it was desirable or practicable to rationalise and restrict the varieties of cloth produced, and if so, what the varieties produced should be.

3. The Committee has submitted a report to Government after circulating a questionnaire to the Millowners' Associations and other organisations concerned and after examining the representatives of these bodies as also of Provincial Governments.

4. The principal recommendations of the Committee are as follows:—

(a) The Committee is in general agreement with the measures of production control introduced by the Textile Commissioner's notification No. 78-Tex/I-48 dated the 30th November, 1948, and have suggested certain further measures mainly relating to the prescription of minimum reeds and picks for different varieties of cloth and minimumlea strengths for different counts of yarn.

(b) While recommending these measures the Committee is of the opinion that production control measures should be flexible. The Committee has recommended that in the administration of the Production Control measures the Textile Commissioner and his Regional Directors should be assisted by the advice of a Central and Regional Manufacturing Committees consisting of the representatives of Mills, the trade and technicians.

(c) While recognising that there is a theoretical possibility of increasing total production by a prohibition of the manufacture of superfine varieties of cloth, the Committee has expressed the opinion that even the theoretical increase will be small and would not exceed one per cent even if spinning of yarn (both for the Mill and the handloom industries) were restricted to the 60s count and below. On the other hand, the Committee has pointed out that such restriction will unbalance some of the existing Mills and may lead to some of the existing production capacity remaining unutilised, so that the theoretical increase may not materialise and on the contrary there may be a fall in production. The Committee has also pointed out that Indian cotton on which the production of medium and coarse varieties of cloth depends is in short supply, and prohibition of the utilisation of imported cotton of longer staple for the production of fine and superfine cloth may have dangerous consequences. The Committee also feels that it will be a retrograde step to prevent the Indian industry from producing the better varieties of cloth for which a large demand exists in the country. The Committee has, therefore, recommended that Mills should continue to be allowed to spin up to the 80s count and to weave cloth up to the 60s/80s.

(d) The Committee has not recommended that any attempt should be made to standardise production into a narrow range of varieties, but has recommended that a careful study should be made of the production capacities in different Mills on the one hand, and consumers' preferences in different areas on the other with a view to bring about a greater correlation between the varieties produced and the varieties in popular demand.

5. The Government of India have accepted these recommendations. Necessary orders are being issued to implement the recommendations as regards the prescription of minimum reeds and picks, minimumlea strengths and other detailed proposals made by the Committee. The Government have decided to constitute Central and Regional Manufacturing Committees on the lines suggested. The orders issued by the Textile Commissioner already provide for flexibility of control. Special exemption from the operation of Production Control Measures will be granted in all cases in which exemption is necessary because the requisite variety of cotton is not available, or the operation of the order involves loss of production capacity. The Textile Commissioner has been asked to make a careful study of production capacities and popular demands with a view to bringing about greater correlation between production and demand as regards varieties of cloth. The Government of India accept the opinion of the Committee that it would be inexpedient to attempt a prohibition of the production of fine and superfine varieties of cloth.

6. In conclusion, the Government of India wish to express their appreciation to the Chairman and the Members of the Committee for their thorough and careful report, which has been of great assistance to the Government.

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ORDER

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Ministries, Provincial Governments, Chief Commissioners, State Governments, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, and the Textile Commissioner.

Ordered also that it be published in the Gazette of India.

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